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Dear Sir:

Applicants request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application. Applicants request a one month extension or until November 30, 2007, to respond to the Advisory Office Action dated October 30, 2007. You are instructed to withdraw the filing fee amount of \$60.00 to cover the one month extension of time from our Deposit Account No. 19-4409.

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